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TAGS: OREP (RYAN, LEO)

SUBJECT: CODEL RYAN

REF: STATE 276828

1. CONGRESSMAN LEO J. RYAN OF CALIFORNIA, MEMBER OF HFAC, IS TRAVELLING IN EAST ASIA DURING PERIOD DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 12. CONGRESSMAN RYAN, ACCOMPANIED BY HFAC STAFF CONSULTANT GEORGE INGRAM WILL BE IN SEOUL JANUARY 4 - 8.

2. DURING SEOUL STOP CODEL WISHES COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFINGS ON U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AS WELL AS POLITICAL ASSESSMENT.

3. CODEL IS ALSO INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN KOREA. HE WISHES EMBASSY ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN BRIEFING AND REQUESTS THAT IN ADDITION GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, EMBASSY ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY REPRESENTATIVES. CODEL WISHES OPPORTUNITY FOR FRANK EXCHANGES AND WILLING TO MEET INFORMALLY IN APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT (E.G., PRIVATE LUNCHEON OR TEA AT EMBOFF HOME.)

4. CODEL INTENDS TO REQUEST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT BISHOP CHI IN PRISON. WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT ROKG WOULD HAVE TO

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DECIDE THIS AND THAT WE DOUBTFUL CODEL WOULD BE PERMITTED

TO MEET BISHOP CHI IN PRISON. ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CODEL

MAKE REQUEST DIRECTLY TO KOREAN EMBASSY HERE.

5. CODEL ALSO PREPARED TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OFFICERS AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT PANMUNJOM ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY PREPARE SUGGESTED SCHEDULE INCORPORATING CODEL EXPRESSED DESIRES ALONG LINES OUTLINED ABOVE. WILL NEED SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OUTLINE BY DECEMBER 31. KISSINGER

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